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To whom it may concern:

I think ActBlue donations should be matchable. They represent legitimate small individual donations. That an online organization like ActBlue should be a conduit for such grassroots funds should be encouraged, not discouraged. The intent of the regulation is to prevent large corporate donors from donating to get matching funds by pretending that these funds are from individuals when their ultimate source is not, or to prevent giant interest groups like corporations or unions from coercing donations disguised as individual donations, again to get matching funds.

ActBlue money does not fall in these categories. These are legitimate individual donations which, to repeat, should be encouraged, not discouraged, and which should be matchable. Their record-keeping is up front, verifiable, and disclosed, and abuses like those the regulation is intended to prevent could and would be detected. There is essentially little or no chance of abuse contrary to the spirit and intent of the regulation, if not the letter.

Sincerely,

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